

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Paragraph 0020 has been changed as follows:

When the cutting blades 14 and 15 reach a cutting depth of approximately LH, a perimeter surface 50 of the outer washer 18 contacts the land 42. As the cutting blades 14 and 15 rotate and the channel cutting tool 10 is moved in the channel cutting direction, the outer washer 18 freely rolls on the land 42. Accordingly, the contact between the perimeter surface 50 of the outer washer 18 and the land 42 prevents the cutting blades 14 and 15 from cutting the channels 20 22 deeper than LH.

Paragraph 0023 has been changed as follows:

The channel cutting tool 10 may be constructed with only one cutting blade or more than two cutting blades. To limit the depth of the channels being cut, however, each cutting blade of the channel cutting tool 10 may have an inner washer 16 and an outer washer 18 disposed adjacent thereto as described above. For example, a channel cutting tool 10 with only one cutting blade can cut a single channel in a part in one pass of the cutting tool 10 along the part. In yet another example, a channel cutting tool 10 with three cutting blades can cut three channels in a part in one pass of the cutting tool along the part [[86]]. The number of cutting blades to be used on a channel cutting tool 10 may depend on the shape, contour, and various material characteristics of the part to be cut, as well as the characteristics of the machining tool that operates the cutting tool 10.